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Title: **Optically Encoded Card and System and Method for Using**
Inventor: George Blossom

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office including sixteen (16) pages of Specification, eight (8) pages of Claims (numbered 1-45), one (1) page Abstract, eight (8) sheets of Drawings (labeled Figures 1-13), executed Sole Declaration, Assignment with Recordal Sheet, and a Request And Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) for Nonpublication.

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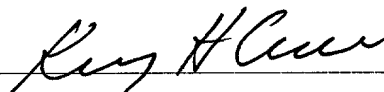
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